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BALLAD OF FOOLISH MEN. The story that I have to tell Will take me but a minute; And when you read it ponder well, And its lesson printee dwell, For there's moral in it.

"We're backelors for aye," cried they:
"The life we lead is foily,
"An women care for is display,
The axpone of which man must defray,
So marriage is but foily,"

But Copid's tiny, shintar dart. Cure naught for scheming morts. The rates to George's calcus heart. One day by luck was forced apart, And love got through the portals. And Harry too, received a blow.
That banished all his scheming,
By woman's art he was laid low.
And, vanquished by his charming fee,
He speat his time day-dreaming.

But each concented his sudden fall,

But, ah, one day it so fell out— lies a felendship should be stronger— Each of the other had a doubt, And then straightensy it came about That they were friends no longer.

Ther started off to see their pet— A midd who both entrances, For holds were in the self-same net, And at the self-same house they met, Exchanging bitter giances. Then in the self-same girl ther kneel, And both are good remaners: Right well they tell the love they feel. But his her heart is made of steel, And thus it is she answers:

And quarts and quarts of blood were shed, They were so long in dying; And when at last they both were dead The pacement all was dyed blood red— The stains still there are lying.

So of the history I've told. This must be the solution: No matter whether young or old, When men such foolish doctrines hold.

Fable to suffer from excessive rains.

Grain is ripened with difficulty, but grasses and berries thrive almost everywhere.

On Kad ak Island fair crops of hay have often been secured. Cattle and sheep in considerable numbers have been found in a hundred streams.

ooo. These figures, of course, do not approach those for the fur-seal industry, but the time will come when they will far surpass them. The one must decrease, the other increase.

The fur interests of Alaska well

The fur interests of Alaska well might receive as much space as this whole article, so great are they and so varied is their history. But the sketch here must be brief. The Russian company during its first term, with an original capital of 723,000 rubles, increased afterward to 1,238,740 rubles, obtained between 1797 and 1820, a period of 23 years, net carnings of 7,686,608 rubles, of which 4,250,000 rubles were distributed as dividends and the remainder added to the capital, making it about 4,870,000 rubles. During the ensuing period of 21 years the yield fell off considerably, but the dividends did not. There were shipped in that time 25,000 sea-otter, 458,000 for seal, 152,000 pounds of walles bone, and 260,000 pounds of walles bone, and 260,000 pounds of wallus tasks. The sum distributed among the shareholders for this period was about 8,500,000 rubles, or double the sum for the first period. For the third and last term there was a further increase, the dividend amounting to 10,210,000 rubles, term there was a further increase, the dividend amounting to 10,210,000 rubles,

or an increase of nearly 17 per cent. The working capital had now become over 18,600,000 ru-bles. The resceipts for this third term exceeded 75,700,000 rables. The mero statement of these figures is sufficiently forcible. Of the far operations since the American purchase, it may be said that between 1871 and 1883 about \$5,000,000 was paid to the United States Government as the problet blands and ment as rent of the Prybliof Islands and tax on scatskins. The Alaska Commer-cial Company for these seal islands originally contracted to pay a fixed rental to the Government of \$55,000 a year, besides a tax of \$2.62] on each fur-seal skin and 55 cents-per gallon on seal oil shipped from them. They also engaged to maintain a school on each island, and to furtish the natives with certain amounts of food and firewood free of charge. Between 1870 and 1883 our average revenue was about \$317,000. For last year the company paid the Government \$202,437, the number of sealskins taken being 99,980. At the

erel are the other fish with which these waters abound. Herring arrive in vast shoals along the whole southern coast. The mackerel are equal in size and flavor to those caught in Atlantic waters. In San Francisco they have sold for 824 per barrel. Herring oil fisher es, near Sitka, two years ago, produced 150,000 gallons of oil. Lest vear they produced 300,000 gallons. The product for this year will, it is thought, be still greater. In 1880 the Alaskan fisheries proper were valued at a total of \$565, 000. These figures, of course, do not approach these is the sanctage of the sanctage tiply; the village spreads; the sanctuary is enlarged or rebuilt. As time goes on the village becomes a town; the with an if. These, however, are merely town becomes a city; and the temple, one variety of lie. They are lies used enriched by successive generations of enriched by successive generations of Kings, Governors and pious donors becomes a vast historical aggregate of chapels, halls, courts, avenues pylons and sacred enclosures. By and by, whether ravaged by foreign foes or shattered by some convulsion of nature, the spiendid structure falls into partial rain. Hereupon the degenerate princes of a later age, careless of the past and sager to raise some memorial of their greating on the monuments of their greating predecessors, cut them up for building material and use them in the construction of debased imitations of carlier schools. This process in all probability, is again and again respected. Not merely stones, but statues, aphinxes, obelisks, are appropriated, worked and reappropriated, worked and response of the gods are east down, and the worked, till at last there comes a time of disruption and change, when the only society he knew. Lying has been said to be the privilege of slaves, certain to the the privilege of slaves, certain in the constitute so large a part of our which constitute so large a part of our shattered by some convulsion of nature, and by, whether ravaged by foreign fees or shattered by some convulsion of nature, and by, whether ravaged by foreign fees or shattered by some convulsion of a conversation and give so much spice and variety. When the sage said that all men are liars he intended to refer to a society in alexeward state of civilization—the only society he knew. Lying has been said to be the privilege of slaves, certain and set them in the constitute so large and variety. When the sage said that all men are liars he intended to refer to a society in acknew the consti

cious houses of the rich, the hovels of
the poor, crumble, collapse and resolve
themseives into mounds of dust and
potsherds. Such is the local history of
landreds of ancient Egyptian sites,
and such is the history of Tanis.

A hundred years ago, the grave of
this dead city was yet invloiste. Then,
as now, the great sand island was
heaped high with desolate piles of reddish-brown rubbish. Then, as now,
those mounds enclosed a low, level ds dish-brown rubbish. Then, as now, those mounts enclosed a low, level a ras of large extent I ke the bed of a dry lake, or the crater of an extinct volcano. The traveler who—oneb, persent alone—in a decade—escaled those crumbling slopes and look—I down into that area, beheld at his — t an undulating waste enclosed by—int at a first sight looked like a quadr, gular rampart of earthworks, but which proved on closer inspection, to be the proved on closer

was strewn with ruins. Such was the company acquired its lease it represented a capital of \$9,000,000 and owned 50 trading posts in various parts of the country. It gathered last year nine-tenths of the world's supply of sease otter skms. The catch now averages from 5,000 to 6,000 a year, which is more than double the number secured by the fore the purchase. These skins are worth from \$75 to \$100 in London. About 2,000 blue fox skins are taken. Office over M. Frankel & Sons.

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Men Who Are Careless of Truth. Shakespeare enumerates three varie tles of lies-the counter-cheek quarrelsome, the lie circumstantial and the lie Kings, Governors and pious donors be. members of the great family of lies

societies which have reached a certain stage of refinement, and in the class in those societies in which experience and training have caught the folly of m.s-

If any man will take the trouble to enumerate his acquaintance he will be surprised to discover how easily he can the world who facor under the incon-venience of never being believed when they tell the truth, simply because they have established a reputation for lying. When they make a statement the hearer waste enclosed of the place of the great frecali expelicion. Meaninspection, to be the remains of an extraordinary massive wall built of sundriad bricks. The space thus bounded was strewn with ruins.

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to work out the value of X. Thus these habitual lars are doubly inconvenient and doubly deceptive.

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